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SETTING UP OF SAARC UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any suggestions have been received from the SAARC countries for setting up of the SAARC University in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the University is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. However, during the 13th SAARC Summit(Dhaka, 12-13 November 2005), the Prime Minister of India,proposed that a South Asian University (SAU) should be established. An agreement for establishing SAU was signed during the 14th SAARC Summit in New Delhi. It was agreed that the main campus of the University would be in India. The Government has already initiated action in this regard and the University is likely to start its first session from July 2009.